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2201. SHltl SURESI KALMAD1: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG b$_e$ p ?ase$_d$ to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new committee appointed in May has changed majority $_0$f commentate r$_s$ of TV and AIR who had experience rai ging from 5 to 15 year$_s$ and included new commentators with Iittl$_e$ or no experience it all;

(b) if so. what are be reasons thereof; and

(c) whether it is ajs > a fact that two experienced English $_t$ >mmentators who have 'don$_e$ many assign nents in the country and abroa^ hav$_e$ b< ;n asked to switch, over t$_0$ Hindi if they vant to continue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFOIiMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHW AJ1T PANJA): (a) No, Sir. However, in AIR some fresh, talent has been aPP^{rov} d for commentary on zonal sports events.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Economy i$_a$ 1 xpenditure

2202. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i$_s$ a *t* ,q that On the ad vice $_0$f the Prime Mini ter Government is going to apply cut in Plan and non-Plan expenditure to the tun, of Rs. 20 thou- »sand crores a^s Per th | report publishc'J in Economic Times of latej *fhe* 21st July, 1987, if so, the detail $_0$f the schemes;

(b) whether it is al o a fact that former Cabinet Secretary, on the advice of th$_e$ Prime Minister duri ig th$_e$ yea$_r$ 1985-86 had als$_0$ planned t° ^{cul} non-plan expenditure by re-organising the Ministries and attached offices an'd bj avoiding wasteful anj duplicate expenditi re. if $_s$o, th$_e$ details $_0$f th$_e$ schemes th$_t$ economy achieved Ministry-wise and arr)unt saved in different heads; and

(c) if not, the reaso i$_s$ therefor?

THE MINISTER OF sTATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): ($_a$) No, Sir.

(b) an'd (c) Information i$_s$ being collected.

Serving of inferior quality food to air force men and officers

2203. SHRI D B. CHANDRE GOW DA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the quality of food served to Ai$_r$ Foice men and officers from the Dhaula Kuan mess and the Race Course mess, Delhi is sub-standard and inferior in quality.

(b) whether the kitchen mates of the Dhaul$_a$ Kuan mess an'd the Race Course mess used to take a^{wa}y ^{w}i^{f}h the connivance of store-keepers, the food stuffs ille gaily and used to sell them in the open market;

(c) whethe$_r$ Government propose to in-vestigate thi$_s$ matter and ensure that the quality of food served to th$_e$ Air Force men and officers is good; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SH1V-RAJ PATIL): (a) $_a$n'd (b) There is no military establishment named 'Dhaula Kuan Mess'. N$_0$ complaints regarding service of inferior quality food in Airmen's Mess at IAF Sation, Race Course, New-Delhi, or pilferage of food from that mess and its sale in the open market have been received.

(c) and (d) Do not arise

Permission to open branches of foreign Banks in India

2204. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATUR-VEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the policy guidelines for gran'ing permission to open branches of foreign banks in In'dia; and